

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANNON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llannon Community Council
on
Wednesday 9th March 2022, 6.30pm
Held remotely via Zoom

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Minute no. 163 - Members Present

Cllr. M Jones (MJ)
Cllr. P Williams (PW)
Cllr. L Williams (LW)
Cllr. G L Jones (GLJ)
Cllr. LM Davies (LMD)
Cllr. P Edwards (PE)
Cllr E Dole (ED)
Cllr D Jones (DJ)
Cllr EW James (EWJ)

Chairperson Councillor M Jones presided over the meeting.

Also present: Mrs Clare Hope - Clerk
Minutes taken by: Mrs Clare Hope - Clerk

Minute no. 164 - Apologies and reasons for absence.

Councillor Sion Acciaioli was unable to attend due to moving house and also sent his thanks to the members and wished those standing in the next election the best of luck.

Minute no. 165: Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Dot Jones – Carmarthenshire County Council

Minute no. 166: To consider policing matters

The Clerk advised she has instructed Carmarthenshire County Council to install the street lighting off Bethesda Road. The Clerk stated she has received paperwork

from the police regarding the vandalism of the Tumble Christmas Tree. The Clerk confirmed she has completed a compensation form and a victim statement, in which it was explained that the tree is paid for by the public out of the precept as this is something the community embraces during the festive season. The Clerk also noted the impact on the staff's time in dealing with the matter. Receipts have accompanied the compensation form.

Minute no. 167 – Confirmation of minutes of:

a) The Council meeting held on 16th February 2022.

Proposal by Cllr D Jones - To agree the minutes of the Council Meeting, held on 16th February 2022

Seconded – Cllr P Edwards

All members present in favour

Resolved – Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th February 2022, confirmed

b) The Hall Committee meeting held on 21st February 2022.

Proposal by Cllr L Davies - To agree the minutes of the Council Meeting, held on 21st February 2022

Seconded – Cllr C Davies

All members present in favour

Resolved – Minutes of the Hall Committee Meeting held on 21st February 2022, confirmed.

c) The Finance Committee meeting held on 21st February 2022.

Proposal by Cllr D Jones - To agree the minutes of the Council Meeting, held on 21st February 2022

Seconded – Cllr L Davies

All members present in favour

Resolved – Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 21st February 2022, confirmed

d) The EGM held on 23rd February 2022.

Proposal by Cllr G Jones - To agree the minutes of the EGM, held on 23rd February 2022

Seconded – Cllr W James

All members present in favour

Resolved – Minutes of the EGM held on 23rd February 2022, confirmed

Minute no. 168 - To receive a verbal report from the clerk.

• **Councillor Allowances**

The Clerk advised she has emailed opt out forms to all members but has only received a few back. The Clerk clarified that if councillors wish to opt out of claiming the £150 Basic Allowance, they must complete the opt out Form. Anyone wishing to claim the allowance must complete a payroll form.

• **Parc Y Mynydd Mawr**

The Clerk noted that following a litter pick last week, Cllrs L Davies and L Williams emailed some concerns:

Cllr L Davies has witnessed children playing in the park wearing togs and adults using the zipwire, she has also witnessed dog fouling within the park which she has highlighted.

The Clerk suggested an upgrade of the current signs on the playground and rather than having lots of different signs, just place one sign that covers all issues, along with additional dog fouling signs in the park.

Proposal by Cllr W James - To purchase new signs for Parc Y Mynydd Mawr playground that include all issues raised and dog fouling signs for the park

Seconded – Cllr G Jones

All members present in favour

Resolved – To purchase new signs for Parc Y Mynydd Mawr playground that include all issues raised and dog fouling signs for the park

Cllr E Dole joined the meeting

The Clerk noted that requests have been received from the clubs, users of the park and some councillors to remove the shrubs and trees that are at the back of the hall.

Proposal by Cllr P Williams - To move the shrubs and trees at the back of the hall

Seconded – Cllr W James

All members present in favour

Resolved – To move the shrubs and trees at the back of the hall

Through the Chair, Cllr L Williams requested the council keep in mind the project for the wood at the bottom of Parc Y Mynydd Mawr and improvements to the small playground.

Cllr L Williams also stated that the gates are in a bad state, and some fencing and concrete posts need to be repaired or removed. The Clerk advised that the grounds team will be add these issues in to their program of work over the next couple of months.

- **Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2023**

The Clerk stated she had been recently advised that three years ago the council agreed to make an £800 annual donation for three years to Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2023. The total amount of £2,400 should have been paid by now and they haven't received anything. Due to an underspend of this year's budget, the Clerk noted she has raised the payment in full.

- **Cross Hands Ten Towns Project**

The Clerk noted that the Expression of Interest form has been submitted for the Capital Funding of £100k and we have been accepted in to the second round of the process.

The Clerk advised she is currently sourcing quotations for the Revenue Funding of £10k to support the Cross Hands App idea.

- **Changing Rooms in Parc Y Mynydd Mawr**

The Clerk advised she has a meeting with Tumble RFC shortly to discuss the changing rooms which are being surrendered back to the council by Tumble AFC.

The Clerk suggested the council could possibly run a café from the premises during the summer which would also provide access to toilet facilities for people using the park.

Cllr L Williams requested clarification as to what areas the football club wished to surrender, the Clerk advised all areas they took in their sub-lease which includes the football pitch, changing rooms and land behind the hall.

Cllr L Williams noted Tumble Family Centre may be interested in the use of the building.

Through the Chair, the Clerk requested authority to work on a proposal for a temporary café.

Proposal by Cllr P Williams - To give the Clerk authority to work on a proposal for a temporary café at the Parc Y Mynydd Mawr Changing Rooms

Seconded – Cllr G Jones

All members present in favour

Resolved – Authority given to the Clerk to work on a proposal for a temporary café at the Parc Y Mynydd Mawr Changing Rooms

- **Cross Hands & District Community Bowls Club**

The Clerk advised she has a meeting with the club next week to discuss some issues they are experiencing.

- **Tumble Cemetery**

The Clerk advised that the cemetery consultant, Marian Webb (Vice-Chair of the IMCC) has recently spent a week with herself and Wendi going through the issues and putting a plan together.

The Clerk advised there is a lot to do but it is not as bad in terms of data entry as expected as there are already approximately 800 records on the software systems from previous years, there is however a huge amount of data to back-enter from the past seven years. The rules and forms need to be updated so Marian is due to visit for a further three days in April.

Marian has suggested that there are other areas where the council could obtain income from the cemetery, for instance, instead of offering just a vase for memorials we could be offering spaces for planting trees or shrubs. Marian will put together a report which will also suggest new options for the next step in the memorial garden.

- **Easter Fun Day**

The Clerk put to the members that she would like to organise an Easter Fun Day on behalf of the council to be held in Parc Y Mynydd Mawr on the 14th April 2022. This would include inflatables, Easter arts and crafts and an Easter egg hunt. The event will be free of charge but families will need to reserve tickets for the Easter Egg Hunt via Ticketsource in order to purchase Easter eggs. £500 has been requested from CCC Community Fund, the Clerk estimates a further £500 will be required from the events budget.

Proposal by Cllr D Jones - To give the Clerk authority to arrange an Easter Fun Day with £500 from the events budget

Seconded – Cllr E Dole

All members present in favour

Resolved – Authority given to the Clerk to to arrange an Easter Fun Day with £500 from the events budget

Minute no. 169 - To discuss the following planning application:

[PL/03328](#) – Proposed New Build at Blaenmorlais, Llannon, Llanelli, SA14 6AG.

No observations received

Minute no. 170 - To discuss Public Rights of Way route priorities as per correspondence received from Caroline Ferguson (Countryside Access Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council).

Cllr P Williams requested whether clarification had been received regarding a possible conflict of interest. The Clerk advised she had not received anything, Cllr E Dole confirmed that he had not received any further information either.

Cllr G Jones suggested that the council reviews this when clarification is received.

Minute no. 171 - To discuss a request for financial assistance from Dr Rhys Davies (Chair of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2022).

Proposal by Cllr G Jones - To make a donation of £150

Seconded – Cllr C Davies

All members present in favour

Resolved – Donation of £150 agreed for Llangollen International Music Festival

Minute no. 172 - To receive the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: annual report 2022 to 2023.

The Clerk noted the report has been circulated. There were no further comments.

Minute no. 173 - To discuss renewal of One Voice Wales membership for 2022/23.

The Clerk advised the renewal of the membership for 2022/23 has been received and circulated.

Proposal by Cllr L Williams – To renew One Voice Wales Membership

Seconded – Cllr G Jones

All members present in favour

Resolved – To renew One Voice Wales Membership

Minute no. 174 - To receive Councillor's reports.

None received

Minute no. 175 - To receive County Councillor's reports.

Cllr E Dole advised that himself and Cllr D Jones have recently visited residents by New Lodge Farm to mediate. A letter will be sent by Cllr Dole to say that if post-election they are both still in post, they will continue mediation.

Cllr D Jones wished to thank the authority for the speed bump outside Llechyfedach School, the re-profile of the speed bump in Llannon and trenches at bottom of High Street.

At this point the meeting went into camera as per the the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(2) and the Local Government Act 1972, s,100(2), due to the sensitive nature of the business to be discussed.

Minute no. 176 - To discuss personnel matters.

The Clerk advised the 1.75% pay award has been backdated and requested that LM's salary be backdated to NLW from 1st April 2021.

Proposal by Cllr E Dole – To backdate pay at NLW rate for LM from 1st April 2021.

Secoded – Cllr G Jones

All members present in favour

Resolved – To back date pay for LM to NLW from 1st April 2021

The Clerk reported that the Facilities Officer is still unwell, so the Administration Assistant is working 25 hours a week to assist further. The Clerk stated that the temporary positions will need to be reviewed when the new council is in place.

The Clerk put to the council that WW has been outstanding in his role and as an expansion of the team is necessary, she requested the council consider his promotion to Lead of the Maintenance Team with a salary on point SCP 16 - £12.70 p/hour.

Proposal by Cllr E Dole – To promote WW to Lead of the Maintenance Team

Secoded – Cllr G Jones

All members present in favour

Resolved – To promote WW to Lead of the Maintenance Team

The Clerk put to the council that an additional member of the maintenance team is necessary, 30 hours per week, SCP 4-6 which is £10.01 - £10.42 p/hour. The job description for the role remains the same. The Clerk will need delegated authority to deal with the recruitment due to purdah.

Proposal by Cllr E Dole – To recruit a further member of the maintenance team on the above terms and the Clerk to have delegated authority over the recruitment process

Secoded – Cllr G Jones

All members present in favour

Resolved – To recruit a further member of the maintenance team on the above terms and the Clerk to have delegated authority over the recruitment process

The Clerk advised that recent statements made on social media regarding staff and councillors from several individuals have been inaccurate and extremely upsetting to all staff. Everyone employed by the council is working extremely hard to turn the council around.

There was no further business.

The Chair ended the meeting at 20.34pm

Signed

Date

Chair